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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: September 5th, 2022 To: San Diego Media

From: Chula Vista Police Department Contact: On-Duty Watch Commander

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Subject: UPDATED - TWO SHOT AT HARBORSIDE PARK (8-26-2022)

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UPDATED INFORMATION / REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:

The Chula Vista Police Department is seeking the public's help to identify the below pictured person. He is considered a person of interest in this investigation. Police would like to speak with him. If you know who this is, or have any additional information about the incident, contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit a tip via P3tips (online or mobile application) http://p3tips.com/409 if you wish to remain anonymous.



PREVIOUS INFORMATION RELEASED ON AUG. 26th 2022:

Earlier this morning, August 26, 2022, at about 6:43 A.M., the Chula Vista Police Department received a report of a 26-year-old male victim who had been shot at Harborside Park (670 Oxford St). The caller advised that a group of 4-6 juvenile suspects were surrounding the victim, who had a gunshot wound to the leg. The caller witnessed the suspects run southbound toward the Palomar Trolley Station.

At 6:49 A.M., another caller referenced the shooting and reported that there was another 33-year-old male victim, who was in front of a business in the 600 block of Palomar Street. That victim was suffering from multiple gunshot and stab wounds.

Officers responded to both locations and the victims were quickly transported to a local hospital for treatment. Both victims are believed to be unsheltered homeless who were living in Harborside Park. At this time, their injuries are believed to be non-life threatening.

The first shooting occurred near Harborside Elementary School. The school was placed on a brief lockdown until officers could confirm that the suspects had fled, and that there was no threat to the school or surrounding community. Once it was determined that the school was safe to do so, the lockdown was lifted.

The group of suspects were seen boarding a trolley that was heading northbound. Shortly thereafter, three suspects from the group were contacted by the San Diego Police Department for an unrelated criminal investigation. The three suspects were arrested by the San Diego Police Department at the Park & Market Trolley Station. They are currently pending charges for the Chula Vista shooting.

Though three of the suspects from the group are now in the custody of the San Diego Police Department, we believe there are other suspects among the original group who are still outstanding. Anyone with more information about the crime or the suspects is asked to contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit a tip via P3tips (online or mobile application) http://p3tips.com/409 if they wish to remain anonymous.

The incident is still under investigation. It is believed that the suspects are not transient themselves nor residents of Harborside Park. There is no evidence that the victims were targeted because they were homeless. A motive for the crime remains unknown at this time.

*After hour inquiries should be directed to the Watch Commander at (619)476-5374, however no other information is available for release at the time of this media advisory distribution.

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